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Examiner: Schnizer, H.
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For: "Methods for the Purification and Aqueous Fiber Spinning of Spider Silks and
other Structural Proteins"

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants in the above-identified U.S. patent application respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months.

The time for responding to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002 was a three (3) month period expiring on August 31, 2002. The three (3) month extension of time extends the time set for response to November 30, 2002.

Please charge the fee set by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Patent Office Deposit Account No. 19-2201 in the amount of \$920.00 for granting this Petition.

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel claims 8 and 13.